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F. FIRST DEDICATES

September 14 was a great day in the story of the First Church, San Francisco. Two dedication services were held: for the greatly beautified sanctuary and the commodious new facilities in other parts of the building. The majestic old pulpit platform has been lowered and surmounted by a lovely chancel. The carpet that has been in use for twenty years has been replaced by a new one which adds greatly to the appearance. The room formerly known as the parlor has been changed into a chapel of severe yet beautiful New England lines. On the lower floor, the dining room has been redecorated, with new tile floor and the portions that were originally behind movable partitions closed off into very attractive, usable rooms. Not only was something like $75,000 in cash given invested, but many hundreds of hours of volunteer work by the people and the ministers, Rev. William E. McCormack and Rev. Joseph D. Redinger.

At the morning dedication service Mr. McCormack preached and at the evening service the sermon was given by Rev. Stanley U. North, general secretary of the Board of Home Missions. Others participating in the service were Rev. Joseph D. Redinger, Capt. Harley H. Gill, Rabbi Alvin I. Fine of the Congregation Emanu-El, and Mr. Roy Sorenson, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

There were many memorial gifts, including the altar in memory of Rev. George C. Adams, the pulpit in memory of Rev. James L. Gordon, the lectern and Bible in memory of Rev. Edson Noble Pierce, the dossal in memory of Rev. Charles F. Aked, the credence tables in memory of Rev. Chauncey J. Hawkins, the altar cross in memory of Mr. Charles Holbrook, the chapel in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bradford, the Wilbur Room in memory of Dr. Leonard F. Wilbur, and the Mayerhofer Room in memory of Mrs. M. R. Mayerhofer. Other special gifts made by individuals are the Jackson Room, the Geis Room, the Dettner Room, the Gilbert Room, and the Fitch Room.

Rev. and Mrs. William E McCormack are enjoying a very well earned rest in Hawaii.

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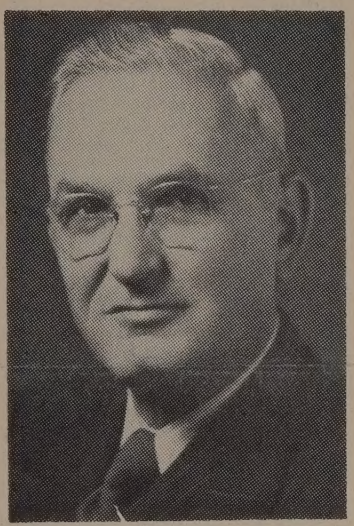
ADVANCE SUBSCRIPTIONS

ADVANCE reports that the following churches in our Conference have given per cent of their resident members as subscribers: Auburn, North Church, Berkeley, Eureka, La Selva Beach, Orinda, Oroville, Petaluma, San Jose, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Suisun, Sunol, and Woodside.

CHURCH BUILDING LOAN FUND APPEAL SETUP



Mr. Fred W. Morrison, secretary and director of the Oakland Community Chest, has accepted the chairmanship of the Conference for the Church Building Loan Fund. Mr. Morrison is both a minister and a layman. He started out as assistant pastor of the First Congregational Church of Oakland and later was pastor of the First Congregational Church of San Jose.

While continuing as an active layman he accepted the call to become secretary fo the San Jose Community Chest. After eight years he was invited to San Diego where for thirteen years he was secretary of the Community Chest and Welfare Council.

Two and one-half years ago he returned to Oakland as secretary of the California Conference of Social Work. Recently the Oakland Community Chest needed experienced and outstanding leadership and he now holds that important position.

Mr. Morrison is deeply interested in the work of our fellowship, particularly in Church Extension, and has already shown a grasp of the needs lying back of the appeal being made to our people by the Building Department of the Board of Home Missions and he understands the methods to be followed in the Campaign.

Mrs. George Thomson of First Congregational Church, Oakland, has been named as Associate Chairman on the Conference level of the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign.

It was while serving as president of the Women's League of the First Congregational Church that the parsonage for the Hillcrest Church was purchased, making possible the launching of that important project.

She was the general chairman on arrangements for the entertaining of the Annual Conference held in her church last May. Never did we have a more smoothly running Conference.

Mrs. Thomson has been active in the Federation of Congregational Women and in defense work. She has undertaken important assignments in the Building Loan Fund Campaign and will enlist widespread and enthusiastic cooperation.

HUMBOLDT-TRINITY RALLY

A fine meeting of our churches in Humboldt and Trinity Counties was held in the Eureka Church on September 25. Several carloads of folk from our Weaverville and Ferndale churches came for the occasion. An excellent luncheon was served by the ladies of the Eureka church. An interesting history of the Ferndale and Eureka churches was given. The churches present voted to explore further the possibility of an Association for the churches of the northernmost counties. Mrs. Etta Nelson of Sebastopol was present representing the Redwood Empire Federation of Congregational Women. Miss Mary Kutz of Palo Alto, David Parry of Oakland, and Rev. George Lindsay represented the Conference at the meeting. The feeling of warm fellowship among the churches made the occasion a most notable one.

SPEAKERS' BUREAU

Mrs. Scott Haymond very quickly responded to the request of Miss Helen Kenyon of New York and is to be the Speakers' Bureau for the Northern California Congregational Conference in the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign. She has already enlisted eighteen persons who will soon be able to speak in churches or to church organizations in this important effort. Her address is 180 Tamalpais Road, Berkeley 8.

BUILDING LOAN FUND FILM

Announcement has come from national headquarters of the Church Building Loan Fund campaign that a fifteen-minute motion picture film will be available in the immediate weeks ahead. We understand that this Conference is to have five copies, so we should be able to answer every request for the showing of it. It is believed that the prints will be in the San Francisco office by the time the Pacific reaches its readers. The title of the film is "The Basis of the Blueprint." Do not hesitate to send in your order. As is the case with "More for Peace," it is free. Churches simply pay the return transportation.

A suggested goal has been mailed to each church, the minister, the clerk and the president of the Board of Trustees each receiving a copy.

The National Goal is $4,500,000. Toward this Northern California is being asked for $147,000. The normal procedure throughout the country and that which has been adopted in this Conference is to use as a basic figure 20% of the home expenses of a church for 1951. From this schedule there are variations, taking into account missionary aid, certain non-cooperating churches, and other exceptional factors.

The goal suggested is a total goal. It may be paid over a period of two years (1953 and 1954) and if necessary in a third year. Each church will be asked to adopt, sign, and file with headquarters a "Declaration of Purpose," in which a definite goal is accepted, preferably not less than the suggested goal.

Each church will decide upon its own method. Some churches will add one-half or one-third of the amount to their budget of home expenses for the years 1953 and 1954, and even

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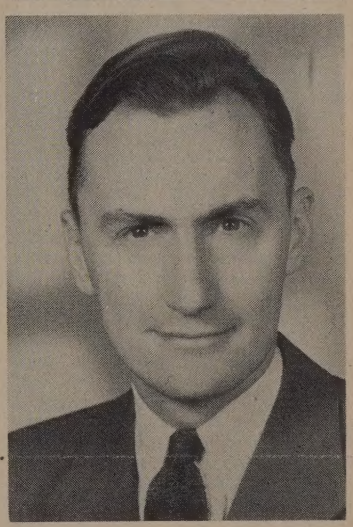

Rev. Benton S. Gaskell has accepted the position of Associate Chairman for the Conference of the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign. Mr. Gaskell is president of the Board of Directors of the Conference. For three years he was chairman of our Committee on Our Christian World Mission. During that time he traveled widely giving his time in speaking in our churches and conducting training sessions for the Every Member Canvass. There has been steady and substantial increase in the giving of our churches. His own church has made a notable gain, more than commensurate with the splendid increase of its membership. In recognition of his leadership he is the president of the nationwide organization of Conference Chairmen for the O.C.W.M.

Mr. Gaskell is thoroughly committed to the whole plan of Church Extension and Building and is a valued and effective member of the Conference team.

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Evidently our churches did very much better in their remittances during September of this year than a year ago, for the comparison was not nearly as favorable at the end of August. There remain only three months in the apportionment year, with the hope by all concerned that the total figures will reach the goal assigned to us of $120,000. This means careful attention, hard work. and prompt remittances during the last quarter of the year.

	App't Jan. 11 to Sept. 30,'51	App't Jan. 11 to Sept. 30,'52
Alameda	$ 880.66	$ 666.86
Alturas	149.19	124.76
Angels Camp	50.00	150.00
Antioch	268.29	979.75
Auburn	100.00	205.00
Benicia	95.00	113.00
Berkeley, Arlington	793.91	1,194.50
Chinese	14.50	42.00
First	8,035.57	9,227.25
North	1,085.96	1,237.61
Northbrae	400.00	400.00
South	691.38	706.21
Biola	49.92	54.56
Campbell	709.72	848.50
Cedarville	48.70	81.10
Cloverdale	——	25.00
Concord, Hillcrest	223.14	144.68
Cotati	82.46	64.28
Crockett	109.70	105.87
Eagleville	74.03	17.61
El Cerrito, Mira Vista	25.00	8.40
Elk Grove	240.11	237.53
Etna	135.83	251.87
Eureka	855.51	919.04
Fairfax	145.05	240.08
Ferndale	159.50	82.90
Fresno, First	2,364.59	2,510.46
Japanese	47.50	229.87
Pilgrim Arm.	250.00	33.00
Zion	69.60	——
Glen Ellen	60.75	——
Guerneville	144.25	168.16
Hayward	1,029.85	2,395.00
Kenwood	27.17	34.77
La Selva Beach	91.09	31.87
Lodi, Ebenezer	——	61.12
First	2,088.64	1,510.50
Loleta	25.47	19.65
Loomis	33.75	104.40
Los Gatos, Skyland	——	27.89
Martinez	1,460.17	2,025.84
Modesto	75.69	47.20
Murphys	——	68.00
Niles	13.57	50.00
Oakland, First	4,985.60	5,000.00
Fruitvale	35.00	92.15
Japanese	12.00	——
New Pilgrim	415.51	360.68
Plymouth	1,559.63	1,745.75
Orinda	919.12	1,096.31
Oroville	362.42	767.05
Pacific Grove	25.00	50.00
Palo Alto	3,659.65	3,003.32
Paradise	535.00	630.00
Parlier	——	10.00
Penngrove	5.95	9.75
Pescadero	——	12.61
Petaluma	404.59	934.75
Pittsburg	292.46	276.51
Port Chicago	30.69	——
Porterville	2,250.00	1,500.00
Redwood City	1,258.64	1,583.01
Rio Vista	100.00	62.00
Ripon	298.04	413.96
Sacramento, Oak Park	——	76.41
Pioneer	2,639.00	2,179.01
Sierra Arden	150.00	271.68
Salida	38.74	100.00
San Carlos	1,495.00	1,440.00
San Francisco—		
Beth. Miss. P'k	221.00	138.00
Calvary	50.00	——
Chinese	13.83	——
First	1,994.53	2,182.98
Park Presidio	479.22	977.81
Pilgrim	111.53	152.82
St. John's	99.28	156.17
Sanger	72.32	28.96
San Jose	1,219.99	1,368.00
San Leandro	149.47	30.45
San Lorenzo	——	300.00
San Mateo	3,621.31	3,300.00
San Rafael	291.24	334.30
Santa Cruz	830.91	990.15
Santa Rosa	171.33	244.16
Saratoga	376.54	853.03
Sebastopol	279.99	437.31
Sonoma	267.57	177.50
Soquel	70.09	185.35
Stockton	1,205.66	1,262.80
Suisun	92.10	243.70
Sunnyvale	43.95	171.00
Sunol	194.61	228.05
Tulare	905.00	1,307.00
Weaverville	117.00	252.97
Woodside	201.00	218.26
Reno, Nevada	436.91	670.86
Miscellaneous	286.65	303.88
Pilgrim Fellowship	2,809.66	1,930.58
	$61,289.95	$67,507.13

O. C. W. M. PLANS FOR 1953

Our Christian World Mission is not to be overlooked or minimized in all of our effort for the Church Building Loan Fund. The regular giving of our churches to missions, at home and abroad, through the agencies of the Conference, the Board of Home Missions, the Council for Social Action, and the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, is of top importance.

The Conference Committee on OCWM this year is headed by Rev. Donald F. Gaylord of Martinez. Other members of the Committee are Mrs. Gail Cleland of Berkeley, Mrs. Charles E. Ward of Redwood City, Mrs. Harold T. Avery of Oakland, Mrs. George W. Lindsay of Berkeley, Mrs. A. C. Ramsey of Orinda, Mr. W. Phil Herriott of San Mateo, Mr. Bruce Copeland of Hillcrest, and Rev. Francis P. Randall of Alameda. Nearly a full day was spent in early September planning the program of the year. New quotas for the churches were authorized and have been mailed with the urgent suggestion that in making up their budgets and plans for the Every Member Canvass the churches use these figures as a minimum for 1953.

Excellent printed materials are available at the office of the Missions Council, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York. Kits with samples of each item have been sent to ministers together with order blanks.

A very excellent film, entitled "More for Peace," is already in circulation. Our Conference office has four copies and it is believed we can fill practically all orders for showings to fit in with the schedules of the churches. Many who have seen it regard it as superior to either of its predecessors: "Second Chance" and "A Wonderful Life." In addition there are film strips used in previous years which are still pertinent and valuable. The film, "More for Peace," should be ordered through the Conference office and the film strips through the Christian Education office in Berkeley.

The Committee has arranged for several training schools in order to give assistance to local churches in the conduct of their Every Member Canvass and to acquaint them with the tremendous program being carried on by our fellowship. All Congregational churches within driving distance of one of these schools are invited to send their minister, the president of their Board of Trustees, and the chairman of their Every Member Canvass. Dinner will be served free to these three. Others must make reservations with the entertaining church, price $1.25 per plate. The schedule is as follows:

October 20, at First Congregational Church, Sebastopol; team: Rev. Stuart L. Anderson, Mr. Bruce Copeland, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord.

October 23, at South Berkeley Community Church; team: Rev. Hugh Vernon White, Mr. Bruce Copeland, Mrs. W. B. Buckham.

October 27, at Community Congregational Church, San Carlos; team: Rev. G. Arthur Casaday, Mr. Bruce Copeland, Mrs. W. B. Buckham.

October 29, First Congregational Church, Lodi; team: Rev. G. Arthur Casaday, Mr. Bruce Copeland, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord.

October 30, First Congregational Church, Fresno; team: Rev. G. Arthur Casaday, Mr. Bruce Copeland, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord.

Mr. Kenneth E. Johnson was ordained by council at First Congregational Church, Berkeley, on June 10. Mr. Johnson had been pastor to the junior high group during his work at Pacific School of Religion, from which he graduated a few days earlier. He has accepted a call to the Ellington, Connecticut, Church where he is now located and at work.

What, another grandson? So it seems. That is why Pastor-at-large R. V. Conard has grown so large in chest and so dignified of brow. Perhaps we better announce that William Frederick, weighing 6 pounds, 5 ounces, took up his residence on August 13 with two fine young parents, Bill Sampson and his wife, Betty Conard.

REV. A. W. MONOSMITH

Rev. A. W. Monosmith, who passed away at his home at Vista, California, September 11, was born July 17, 1875, at Corning, Iowa. He was educated in the public schools and high school of that city. He graduated from Oberlin College in 1902 and completed seminary training at Chicago Theological Seminary in 1905. He held churches in Appleton, Minesota; Corvallis, Oregon; Glendive, Montana; and Eagle Butte, South Dakota, before coming to this Conference. He was pastor at Adin from 1934 to 1942 and at Penngrove and Cotati from 1942 to 1946.

He was married to E. M. Mabelle Kleinsmid on August 30 in 1905, and she survives him. There are four children. Mr. Monosmith was a quiet, devoted, earnest worker for the cause of Christ. He had a remarkable ability to enter into the problems of personal life and community activity and will long be remembered for his friendliness and sterling qualities.

REV. MILES B. FISHER

Although having transferred his Ministerial Standing to Southern California some time ago, Pacific must record the death of Rev. Miles B. Fisher, who grew up in this Conference and served so many of our churches in so many ways. His last pastorate here was the Orinda Church which he really brought into being. He passed away at Claremont, California, in early June. He is survived by his sister, Mrs. James T. Richards, of Saratoga; his brother, Dr. Galen M. Fisher, of Berkeley; his daughter, Mrs. Roi Patridge, of Oakland; and his son, Professor Bruce Fisher, of Fresno State College. He was 82 years of age.

Cazadero Progress

One of the most important parts o our Conference is our camp nea Cazadero. Everyone is interested i "Caz." More and more of our youn people and our families are using it facilities during the summer months This year there were 766 campers an camper-families at Caz.

Responsibility for the administra tion of the camp property is veste by the Conference Board of Director in the Cazadero Commission. Mem bers of the Commission for this yea include: Clifford Poe, Oakland Ply mouth; Tenney Gray, Berkeley First Rev. Hendrik Martynse, Loomis; Bil Reiff, Woodland; James C. Hazlett San Mateo; Hewitt Kendall, Piedmont Mrs. W. B. Buckham, Berkeley First Alex Reidell, Sierra Arden; Joe Ross San Carlos; and Supt. Harley H. Gill

The Camp is financed in three ways Operating Expenses, including such items as food, gasoline, supplies, sal aries for the cook, etc., come out o the summer camp fees. Maintenance Funds, for repair work and the salary of the camp superintendent, come from the grounds fees paid by week-end groups and from the summer camp fees. This year, $3 from the camp fee of $18 was set aside for maintenance. Capital Improvements, including new buildings, roads, bridges, and equipment, must be purchased from gifts of the people of our churches. Thirty per cent of the funds raised in our Centennial Fund was set aside for capital improvements at Cazadero. The rate of progress of our improvement program depends upon the increases in the capital funds.

Two new bridges, completing our all-weather road, are scheduled to be erected this month. Then our camp will truly be available on a year-around basis. If your church would like to have a week-end at Caz, call or write George W. Lindsay, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4, California. Phone number is BErkeley 7-0721.

P. F. Banquet

Three hundred PFers from our churches gathered at First Church, Berkeley, on Saturday evening, September 27, to honor State PF presidents, past and present, together with area and local presidents. Past President Helen Alexander presided over the festivities. After an excellent dinner and some fine entertainment, the group worshiped together in the church sanctuary with Patricia Richards of Oroville as worship leader. The Rev. Mary McKee Chester of Sierra Arden was the speaker.

Especially honored at the banquet was the new State President, David Parry. Dave is a member of First Church, Oakland, and a sophomore at the University of California. He is a pre-theological student, in care of the Bay Association.

Of special interest at the banquet was the announcement that the annual Midwinter Conference of Pilgrim Fellowship will be held at our church in Oroville, December 30, 31 and January 1, 2.

Don't forget the film, "More for Peace," is available for our churches and groups within our churches without cost except for the small mailing charge of transportation back to the office. Churches are keeping four copies of the film busy. This film should be ordered from the Conference office; all other films and film strips, from the education office, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

BERKELEY, FIRST — Two new members have been added to the staff of the church. Mr. Theodore K. Nace has been called as minister to children and youth. Mr. Nace is a graduate of Yale Divinity School. He has passed examination by the Conference Committee on Ministerial Standing looking toward ordination. The church has also called Mr. Kenneth Jewell as minister of music. On September 17 a reception was given in the church, with six hundred in attendance, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Vance, Mr. and Mrs. Jewell, and Dr. and Mrs. Vere V. Loper. In presenting Dr. Loper, who had just completed a significant term as Moderator of the General Council, President Stuart Anderson, representing the church, made the presentation of a very fine camera and a purse of money which will make possible next year's trip to Europe for Dr. and Mrs. Loper, when Dr. Loper will be delegate to the International Congregational Council at St. Andrews, Scotland.

ANTIOCH—A School of Christian Living is being sponsored by the Antioch Council of Churches, which school is geared to the needs of parents and church school teachers with courses on the psychology of religious growth, the life of Christ, and the meaning of the Old Testament. The school is being held on six successive Tuesday evenings. The Men's Club of the church is showing much activity. It is hoped that the budget of the new year will provide a part-time secretary for Rev. Herbert Dimock, the pastor.

WEST SAN JOSE—On the last Sunday of September, seventy-one adults and children came to the parsonage for service and church school. Fifty new Pilgrim Hymnals are now on hand. A contract has been signed with Mr. Kingsford Jones, who has been chosen as architect. Rev. John Carroll is active in the San Jose Council of Churches. He is now recruiting laymen for a visitation evangelism campaign in October under the direction of Rev. Ira D. Black of the Board of Home Missions.

PORTERVILLE—Services of worship were maintained through the summer by monthly exchange with the Methodist Church. At a supper gathering in September, Rev. Willis A. Goldsmith, the pastor, and his wife were given a surprise gift of money and a word of welcome for another year of service. At the reception some of the members gave reports of their vacation experiences in Mexico and a first-hand account of our missionary work there. The church school attendance now taxes the building.

SURPRISE VALLEY—Seventy-two people gathered in the hall at Cedarville Church in a reception to Rev. and Mrs. Ralph V. Conard. Forty people had been expected, so it was almost an overflow crowd, and there was a jolly good time. It was a shower of the old-fashioned sort with people bringing fruits and vegetables and canned goods and even a leg of venison. It took the Conards a whole afternoon to unwrap the packages and store them.

BENICIA—As a means of adjusting from Daylight to Standard Time, the church school sponsored a breakfast on September 28. It also served as an opportunity to acquaint church families with plans and hopes of the church school. Rev. C. Theodore Gustafson is pastor.

SAN JOSE, FIRST—This church has been giving earnest consideration to its downtown situation and to the steady flow of removals of its members to outlying areas. Committees have given much hard study to this problem. At a recent meeting, well announced in advance, a secret vote of 119 to 17 authorized the purchase of a five-acre site lying to the west and south of the present Willow Glen area of the city, with the expectation that as the movement of membership in that direction increases and as the area is filled up by new homes the church itself may relocate. Thus, in a courageous manner, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Stephen C. Peabody, the membership is facing the problem of a downtown church by the securing of property and ensuring its future.

PESCADERO—The Ladies' Guild of this church, aided by some of the men, won a first prize for an agricultural feature exhibit at the San Mateo County Fiesta. The theme, "The Light and Life of the World," was symbolized by a blinking lighthouse and a Bible whose surface was made up of dried beans. The cross effect was created by the use of many varieties of beans raised in the Pescadero area. The new parish house will have a value, when completed, of close to $15,000. It is still in process, but progress is being made. The lot adjacent to the church has been changed into a fine parking lot. Mr. Joseph E. Krueger is pastor.

OROVILLE—Five thousand people have been notified of the midweek study and training classes at the Oroville Congregational Church, several of these classes being certified for credit by the Christian Education Department of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. The launching of it was an ambitious program, but the response has been very good. Rev. Charles M. Spencer is pastor.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER — It just isn't true what they say about a summer slump; 41 people joined the church in June and July. Miss Elizabeth Woodworth has been called as director of Christian education. She holds the Master of Arts degree from Pacific School of Religion. Rev. Torrance Phelps is pastor.

AUBURN—The church school has over-run the plant. There is a new Laymen's Fellowship. Budget pledges raised this year are considerably more than double that of a year ago. Forty-four members have been received, about half of them by confession of faith. Rev. William F. Keeney is pastor.

LODI, FIRST — Plans are being made for the building of additional Sunday School space. At the same time, present classrooms are being made more attractive and usable. Rev. Ernest Fowler is pastor.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 16—Fall Meeting, Federation of Congregational Women, Orinda.
December 30-31 and January 1-2—Midwinter Pilgrim Fellowship Conference at Oroville.
January 23-29—Mid-Winter Meetings of Missions Council and other groups at Cleveland, Ohio.
February 10-11-12—Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion.
April 5—Easter.
May 22-23-24 — Annual Conference, Plymouth Church, Oakland.

HAYWARD — Miss Judith M. French, of Painesville, Ohio, is the new director of Christian Education and is now conducting leadership training programs for the 70 persons on the church school staff. Two complete church schools are held at the time of the worship services each Sunday. Enrollment is now 550, with a high level of attendance due to an enrollment policy to which parents must subscribe when registering their children. Twenty-seven persons united with the church on World Communion Sunday. Plans are moving ahead for the construction of an additional education wing to the present church plant. Two new boards have been created, Missions and Fellowship. The Harvest Festival will be presented by all organizations on October 25. Rev. Richard C. Norberg is pastor.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON—The new chapel has been dedicated and is in use, and what a splendid addition it makes! The chapel is primarily for children and young people but will be adequate and beautiful for weddings and for devotional services of small groups. Superintendent Harley H. Gill, of the Conference, preached the dedication sermon. The building also provides for many youth activities and makes possible a much more effective educational program. Gradually, the landscaping program for the church property is taking shape. Rev. J. Hood Snavely has quite fully recovered from his throat difficulties. A campaign for support of the community center is going forward very well.

WEAVERVILLE—There has been excellent attendance at church right through the summer. A beautiful new carpet has been placed in the sanctuary, and twelve fine tables have been purchased for the parish house. Rev. and Mrs. Walter Girdner are pastors.

SACRAMENTO, SIERRA ARDEN—This church held a very successful Vacation Church School which has been made possible by increased physical properties. Rev. Mary Chester and Rev. Joseph Chester are pastors.

GUERNEVILLE—A midweek Bible study class began on October 1. Rev. Harold W. Robinson is pastor.

EVANGELISM GOALS

Our churches are urged to give serious consideration to the report of last year's Committee on Evangelism and Devotional Life which was presented by Rev. Philip Murray, chairman, and was adopted by unanimous vote. This report urged the adoption by our churches where possible of the following goals:

1. The increase of average Sunday attendance to 51% of membership, accompanied by improvement in ushering, worship, and other church interest (functions);

2. At least a 15% gross gain in church membership;

3. A reclamation plan to reach and reinstate the 3,510 absentee members of our churches;

4. The use in every church of our Conference of a church membership training class (standard curriculum);

5. Develop standards of churchmanship through understanding of Our Christian World Mission, better use of church papers, materials, and aids on all phases of the church's outreach and stewardship;

6. Some form of devotions in all our homes, with recommended use of Daily Devotions as a guide.

PARADISE — The Social Action Committee of the church is to make a study of the report of the Conference Committee on Ministry to Older People. The entire church program is organized on age levels with a church board of 10 senior deacons and deaconesses and a council of junior deacons and deaconesses. These boards rotate in caring for the communion service and the coffee hour when new members are received. A parents' class for young couples will have the wife of Rev. John Dunstan, the minister, as teacher. There are three social groups in the church holding monthly dinners—Friendly Folks, all over 50, with 135 members; the 35-50 Club, with 75 members; and Meet-and-Eat Club, under 35, with 40 members.

OAKLAND, FIRST—Rev. Lynn T. White, of San Anselmo, was guest preacher during the summer. At the September meeting of the Women's League, reports were made of the Cazadero conference and the MEM Conference at Asilomar. Following church service on September 14, the Couples' Club held its annual picnic. The Senior High Fellowship has had an all-day retreat at Santa Cruz. Children under two years of age are cared for in a Cherub Class during Sunday morning service. The church grounds have had new landscaping and a sprinkler system, and the skylight over the patio is to be replaced. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach is beginning the twentieth year of his ministry.

ALTURAS—This church ministers to nearly 500 young people through its program of youth activities. This number is in addition to the enrollment of the church school. Thirteen youth activities meet each week. Rev. Rowland H. Dow is pastor.

RENO—A recently organized Men's Club has a membership of 40. This church did a beautiful job as host to the Sacramento Valley Association. Rev. Walter W. Hanne is pastor.

HILLCREST—A loan from a bank and another from an individual makes possible immediate beginning of the new educational unit.

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1955. Others will meet their goal by one or two great offerings a year, as at Easter or Christmas. Others will set aside a Sunday or will make a special canvass asking for individual subscriptions payable monthly or quarterly, or at other times convenient for the contributor. All collections are to be handled by the local church through its own treasurer or a special treasurer, as desired.

Money is to be remitted directly to the Congregational Church Building Society, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., and not through the Conference office. "Declarations of Purpose" for the present may be sent to the Conference office.

This Fund, while a part of Our Christian World Mission, is to be raised separately and cannot be credited on the apportionment, and should not result in any decrease in apportionment. It is an "extra," just as were the Pilgrim Memorial Fund, the Postwar Emergency Fund, and the Unit Plan. It is expected that for the next two or three years there will be a special column in the Year Book for the recording of the amounts given by the churches for this purpose. Gifts of large amounts from individuals will be credited to the church of which they are members upon the request of the donors.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

MRS. JOHN HARRISON, Correspondent

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

The second annual evening meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California was held at the First Congregational Church of San Francisco, September 21. The president, Mrs. Gail Cleland, presided and kept the time schedule from 3:00 to 7:45 to the minute.

"African Heritage" by Emory Ross was presnted by Mrs. E. W. Schmitt, who had been a teacher in Monrovia, the capital of Liberia. She gave several reasons for the backwardness of the African people. There are twenty-two languages spoken in the city, civilization has developed around rather than in Liberia. In the Union of South Africa there are separate roads for whites and natives and all the laws favor the whites. Their memory of the slave traders, the first white faces they had seen, bringing in one missionary and a hundred cases of gin on the same boat, the traders of today greedy and often unfair: all these make the teaching of brotherhood seem unreal and hard to believe. In the African's background everything is religion. They believe in one creator and thousands of evil spirits, and witch doctors control their lives. Mrs. Schmitt told of one boy who was very ill because a curse had been put upon him. A professor was able to save him by showing him that God had sent His son to save all who would believe. The individual is completely dominated by the tribal beliefs and customs. Young girls are taken from their homes and instructed in their duties to the tribe. As the African looks at us, we do not appear to live our Christianity too well. To them, all whites are Christians and their contact with many whites has not been pleasant. She spoke of one young man who came from their school to go to Clark University to finish his education. He had been told of the prejudice and injustice he might encounter here, so he was prepared when the Jim Crow laws compelled him to stand on a train through Florida. He said, being a Christian helped him to control his temper. She called him a missionary **from** Africa, teaching real brotherhood. She urged us to study and learn about Africa and the people and give Christian witness in every phase of community life. There are now 800 students from Africa in the universities of the United States.

All groups were reminded to fill their **quotas,** continue collecting clothing, make layettes and report all additional gifts. They should remember to speak of the **Thank Offering** often and urge all possible cooperation among the women. There are four recipients of the Home Missions half of the Thank Offering this year: Modesto and San Francisco Pilgrim Churches, the Hip Wo School, and $300 for travel expenses of the Trinity County pastors. We were reminded of the help of **Advance** and the **Woman's Magazine** in preparing our programs.

The Christian Home leader asked every parent to ask and try to answer, "What do I owe the child?" She drew a thought-provoking comparison, the value of money and physical comforts vs. the value of "moral money" or high ideals. Nothing can take the place of the Christian home in preparing our children to meet life's problems successfully.

By shortening the workshop reports and a slight change in program, we were given a delightful surprise talk by the Rev. Miss Eleanor Wilson, a missionary from Micronesia. Sparkling is the best adjective for Miss Wilson. She fairly radiated happiness and love in speaking of the folks on the many islands, calling them by their first names as she related incidents in their daily lives. The women are great workers, doing their laundry each day in the waterholes or on the river banks. They sleep in the clothes of the day, bathe in the morning and put on fresh clean ones. They use charcoal heated irons and are neat darners, though not always mindful of colors. One of her white dresses was brought home beautifully darned with bright pink thread. She wore the dress without complaint.

The women have a natural aptitude for hand crafts of many kinds. On some of the islands they do the fishing and the men do all the cooking. The bridal customs are very interesting and different. In the Caroline Islands a beautiful mat is spread on the floor of the bride's home. The gifts are put on the mat for the groom's family to see. His parents, brothers and sisters, in fact any one of his relatives, may take one of the gifts home as part of the dowry. In the Marshall Islands all the gifts are brought to the church and all given to the minister. Their custom of adoption seems very strange. A child need not be neglected to be adopted by grandparents or aunts or uncles of his father or mother. When one young couple was asked why they allowed a beloved daughter to be adopted, they replied that they could not hurt the aunt's feelings. The child lives with the adopted parents but is allowed frequent visits at home. A great feast is held for a child when one year old, his only birthday party.

1952 is the centennial anniversary year of the work of the "Morning Stars." Morning Star VI may be sold and replaced by several smaller boats to be called "Starlets." These boats used by the ministers to go from one island to another are joyfully welcomed by the islanders waiting to be married or baptized or eager for a Bible. Greatly needed are more ordained ministers, Bibles, and good books. The school subjects include Bible, music, and English studies. Church membership is a serious thing with them. Every problem is tested by "what is the Christian thing to do?" Deacons and pastors must keep their own household in order. A woman forty years old was required to marry the man she lived with before her father was accepted. No church member may dance, smoke, drink intoxicating liquor, or break the seventh Commandment. She ended her talk with the story of a Christian king who took Romans 12:14 as his rule of life. During the war a Japanese officer shot the king's pet dog. Every day he gave the officer bananas and fish. Later he reported. "That pagan said, tell me about your God."

Mrs. Henry Sax gave another of her interesting skits: "Adventures in Reading." It showed the conversion of a modern novel reader to the appreciation of good worthwhile books of travel and biography, especially books on the list for this year's reading.

Association Speakers

While PACIFIC is going through the works of getting itself edited, made up, printed, and mailed, the regular annual meetings of the local Associations are being held. The dates and places were noted in the September issue. Mrs. Gail Cleland, president of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California, is attending each meeting and cooperating with the Association presidents in the conduct of interesting and fruitful discussions during the "Women's Hour."

Rev. Stanley U. North of New York, who for the coming months will be director for our area of the Church Building Loan Fund, will give a major address on each program.

Superintendent Harley H. Gill in his final round of Association meetings is being heard on "The Association: What Lies Ahead." Mrs. Gill is making her first trip with the team, going along for the ride.

LITTLE MISS MA

A new citizen of the United States is being announced by the San Francisco Chinese Church. Her name is Lesley Ma. Her daddy and mother arrived from China in time for her to be born here. She came on September 22, weighing no less than 7 pounds, 14 ounces. She has an older brother, and her daddy is the new minister of the church. We are glad to meet you, Lesley.

MINISTERS' WIVES MEET

The Fall Meeting of the Congregational Ministers' Wives will be held Wednesday, October 29, at the home of Mrs. Clarence Reidenbach, 280 Lenox Avenue in Oakland, at twelve noon. Program: "You in Miniature." For luncheon reservations write Mrs. John C. Mickle, 1809 Fairview Street, Berkeley, or telephone her at OLympic 3-5117. Mrs. Richard Norberg is the president.

There were 160 present for the delicious dinner. The men did an efficient job of serving it. Rev. William E. McCormack spoke of the work that has just been done in remodeling the First Church. He said no church has the right to exist on a past record but must assume responsibility in the present day. He told of the volunteer labor and the good feeling among the members and the increase from 400 to 800 members.

Laymen's Retreat

Seventy-nine men were present a and participated in the Laymen's Re treat at Cazadero on September 19 20 and 21. Those who came o Friday evening had until Saturda noon to become acquainted with eac other, to hike over the hills, and t swim in the new pool. The program began on Saturday afternoon. Th theme of the retreat was whether o not the Golden Rule is practical i business. Rev. Gail Cleland gave a exceedingly illuminating address and set out the problem in a way tha provoked discussion by three differen groups. It was very fortunate to hav the president of the National Laymen' Fellowship, Dr. Fred S. Richards o Forest Grove, Oregon, present to tel of the work being done by the Lay men's Fellowship across the country Supt. Harley H. Gill gave his fina message to the laymen on the theme "Eternal Values of the Church," and showing the responsibilities resting upon us occasioned by the great influx of population.

On Sunday morning excellent reports from the discussion groups were given. Mr. Harold T. Avery conducted the service of worship and President John H. Finger preached the sermon. Officers for the year were elected as follows.

President: John H. Finger.

Vice-President: Carvel Caine.

Secretary-treasurer: Myron Greenlee.

Directors: Daniel T. Ruggles, Lauren Haight, Henry Hjersman, Guy Colburn, Chris R. Weisz, Jack Heinrich, Scott Haymond, William G. Watson, Jr., Allan Schwartz.

MRS. CLAIBORNE IN TURKEY

Mrs. Mattie Claiborne has arrived in Turkey, where she is to work at the American Girls' Collegiate School in Izmir. En route she stopped at Naples and visited Vesuvius, Pompeii and Sorrento. She reports that the library at Izmir is well stocked and is a bungalow type of building. She will teach all of the home economics courses and advanced psychology. She sends greetings to members of the South Berkeley Church and her many friends in our Conference.

REV. ARTHUR B. PATTEN

Rev. Arthur B. Patten passed away on May 10 at Claremont, California, at the age of 88. He will be remembered by the old-timers as having served our churches in Santa Rosa and Sacramento.

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